

## Program Support

Total Request: \$73,887,000

ORF: \$73,887,000



NOAA's G-VI Gulfstream Jet

The purpose of NOAA's program support activities is to provide to the programs and people within NOAA the administrative and infrastructure support necessary for the programs to meet their missions and for the agency to meet its broader goals. These functions include management of personnel, procurement and systems acquisition, facilities, administrative services, ADP services, and aircraft support.

For FY 2000, Program Support requests \$73.9 million. This reflects a program increase of \$0.4 million. The Administration intends to restructure and maintain the NOAA Corps. Payments for Retired Pay for Commissioned Officers are mandated as an entitlement under 33 U.S.C. 8530, 33 U.S.C. 853p, and 33 U.S.C. 857-2. No further funding for this line item will be included in Program Support.

### Detailed Program Increases

**Aircraft Services** - This line item supports all of NOAA's aircraft support services. NOAA operates uniquely configured aircraft to perform NOAA's mission including hurricane research, reconnaissance and surveillance; snow surveys to support water conservation and flood control; photogrammetry for charting; marine mammal surveys; and airborne lidar hydrographic surveys. These aircraft directly support timely and accurate storm and weather warnings and forecasts, accurate charts for safe navigation, effective stewardship of living marine resources and studies which increase our understanding of ocean and atmospheric processes and the effects of pollution on habitats, air and ocean quality, and climate change.

The Aircraft Services request includes an increase of \$0.4 million for a second flight crew for NOAA's G-IV high altitude jet to meet the operational requirement of 24-hour storm surveillance. This funding will allow the jet to be flown on high priority back-to-back missions (12-hour intervals) during land-falling hurricanes. It will also permit storm tracking for long duration hurricanes when crew rest limitations may ground the aircraft.

Adjustments-to-base, program reductions and terminations are shown in Section 4: Supplementary Information.

**PROGRAM SUPPORT  
(\$ IN THOUSANDS)**

<b>GOAL BASED</b>	<b>FY 1999 ENACTED</b>		<b>FY 2000 BASE</b>		<b>FY 2000 PRES. REQUEST</b>		<b>INC./DEC. (REQUEST - BASE)</b>	
	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMT.</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMT.</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMT.</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMT.</b>
Advance Short-Term Warning & Forecast Services	694	43,817	694	46,734	698	45,086	4	(1,648)
Implement Seasonal to Interannual Climate Forecast	55	3,730	55	4,368	55	4,396		28
Predict and Assess Decadal-to-Centennial Change	56	5,148	56	5,176	56	5,218		42
Promote Safe Navigation	71	4,927	71	5,122	71	5,209		87
Build Sustainable Fisheries	209	22,554	209	22,694	209	20,706		(1,988)
Recover Protected Species	45	4,019	45	4,799	45	5,191		392
Sustain Healthy Coasts	99	6,825	99	6,501	99	7,153		652
Undistributed				13,900		13,900		
<b>TOTAL PS</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>91,020</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>109,294</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>106,859</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>(2,435)</b>